

# Worksession

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	9
<b>Meeting Date</b>	7 May 2007
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<b>Discussion Item</b>	Safe Routes to School Program Application
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is accepting applications for the second year of the federal grant program - Safe Routes to School (SRTS) - for projects designed to increase the number of children who walk and bike to school and improve the safety of those doing so.</p> <p>The City of Takoma Park received \$149,500 in funding in the first round of the SRTS grant for infrastructure projects and programming for safety, education and encouragement to walk/bike to school.</p> <p>Staff recommends that the City apply for additional SRTS funding for the following eligible projects. The projects were developed in partnership with the community and, if approved, would be completed within the 24-month grant period (July 1, 2007 - October 2009):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extension of the previously funded SRTS programming;</li> <li>2. Installation of a sidewalk on Piney Branch Road between Philadelphia Avenue and Holly Avenue.</li> <li>3. Undertaking of a comprehensive missing sidewalk study involving community workshops, design and engineering; install new sidewalk on selected sites.</li> </ol> <p>The Council will be asked to consider a resolution in support of the proposed STRS application on May 14. Applications are due May 18.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	<p>“Accommodate local and regional traffic, while providing safe, pleasant, and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to places people want to go.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Master Plan Adopted December 2000</i></p>
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None. The grant does not require matching funds or in-kind contributions.
<b>Attachments</b>	None
<b>Recommendation</b>	Discuss proposed Safe Routes to School application